

F: 7-1-8  
Frank Nichols Log House  
Mt. Ephraim community  
Private

1875-1895

This two story log house was built as the residence of a white land-owning family of moderate means. In plan it consists of two rooms down and two up, both rooms being approximately the same size. In plan, size and construction the house resembles the homes of other white and black families of modest means in the county.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Frank Nichols Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

North side of Comus Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
	<b>NO</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <b>unused</b>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

at present

NAME

Stronghold, Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Box 37

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: Not listed on the  
Folio #: Frederick County tax  
map.

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story abandoned log house stands on the north side of Comus Road (south). The yard in front and around the house has grown up in small trees and shrubs, but the house is still clearly visible and is in relatively sound condition. The windows and doors are boarded over.

The facade consists of the typical three bays: a door centrally placed, flanked by a window on either side. The front door is sheltered by a shed roof porch supported by square, plain posts. The roof of the porch, like the gable roof of the house itself, is covered with corrugated tin. The windows contain double hung sashes with two-over-two lights. Neither gable end has any windows, or openings of any type. The back length is pierced by a back door in the west side, and by a window similar to the others in the east side. Inside the west gable end was a brick stove, which warmed only the downstairs, since there was no opening for a pipe in the upstairs room. At the east gable end was the doorway and stairs leading down to the cellar.

The logs of the house were chestnut, were exposed, and were in-filled with cement today. There were traces of whitewash on the logs inside and out, indicating that the logs had been whitewashed during the days of occupancy. The logs were V-notched at the corners, the type common to Montgomery County.

In plan the house consisted of two rooms down and two up. The floor plan can be seen better in the measured drawing included in this survey. Between the two rooms downstairs was a central stairway, under which was a closet. In the rooms downstairs, the walls were not sheathed with siding, but the logs were left bare. On the walls were plank shelves, which were supported by boards braced against the wall. The interior was quite bare.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) <b>Black History</b>
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES 1875-1895 BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE  
 The building materials used in the stairway, windows, and doors indicate that this house was probably built in the last quarter of the 19th century. According to Clarence Naylor and Paul Wilson who were born nearby, this house was considered to be "old" during their youth in the 1920s and early 1930s. It was occupied by a white family, the head of which was named Frank Nichols. They owned this property, and were kin to the Nichols and Cosgrave families who lived nearby on sites F: 7-1-3 and F: 7-1-16.

Since there was no deed registered listed on the tax map for the large tract of which this is only a small portion, a title search was not conducted. It seems probable that the house was built in the late 19th century, and oral informants all remember that only white families have inhabited this house.

Its primary significance is that it is one of the increasingly few log houses that has not been extensively altered and is still in good condition. Furthermore, this log house displays the strong similarity between the houses of white and black families of moderate means near the turn of the 20th century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Oral interviews with Paul Wilson and Clarence Naylor, Mt. Ephraim community, May 1979, by George McDaniel.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

5/79

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Box 87

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Dickerson

Maryland

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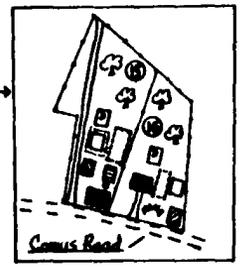
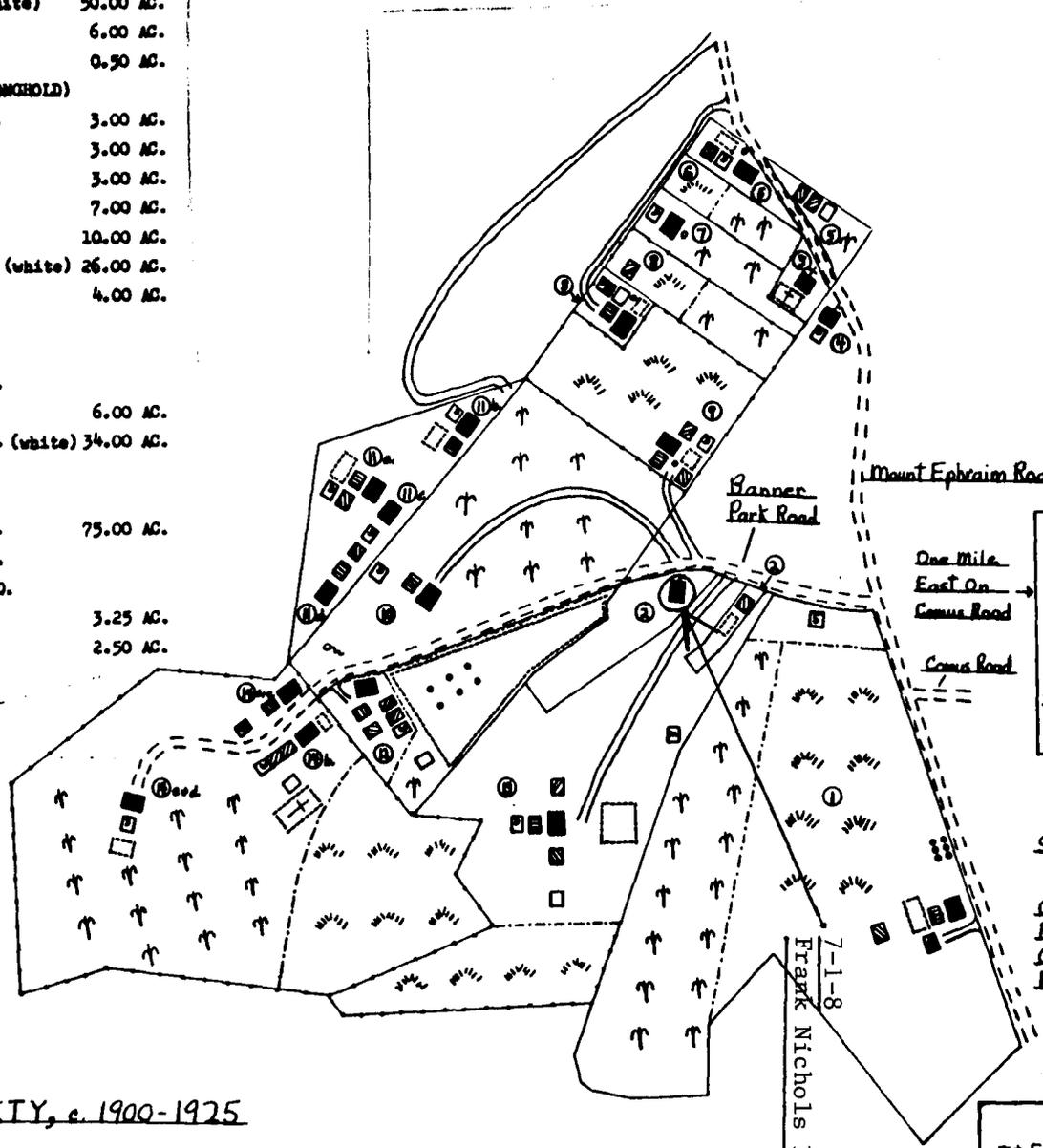
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CEMETERY	
LODGE	
COMMUNITY CENTER	
STORE	
POST OFFICE	
SCHOOL	
DWELLING	
PRIVY	
STABLE	
MEAT HOUSE	
HEN HOUSE	
MILK HOUSE	
CORN/FEED HOUSE	
PIG PEN	
GARDEN	
PASTURE	
CORNFIELD	
HAY FIELD	
ORCHARD	
FOREST	
THICKET	
WELL	
SPRING	
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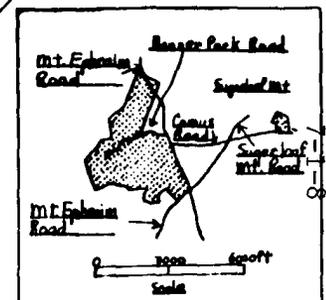
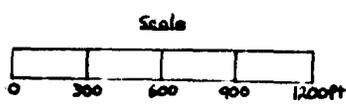
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5. WILLIAM HALLMAN HSTD. 3.00 AC.
6. HANNAH HALLMAN HSTD. 3.00 AC.
7. JAMES HALLMAN HSTD. 3.00 AC.
8. BENE HALLMAN HSTD. 7.00 AC.
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- b. RACHEL PROCTOR HSTD.
- c. LAURA PROCTOR HSTD.
- d. CHARLIE PROCTOR HSTD.
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- b. MORRIS POSEY HSTD.
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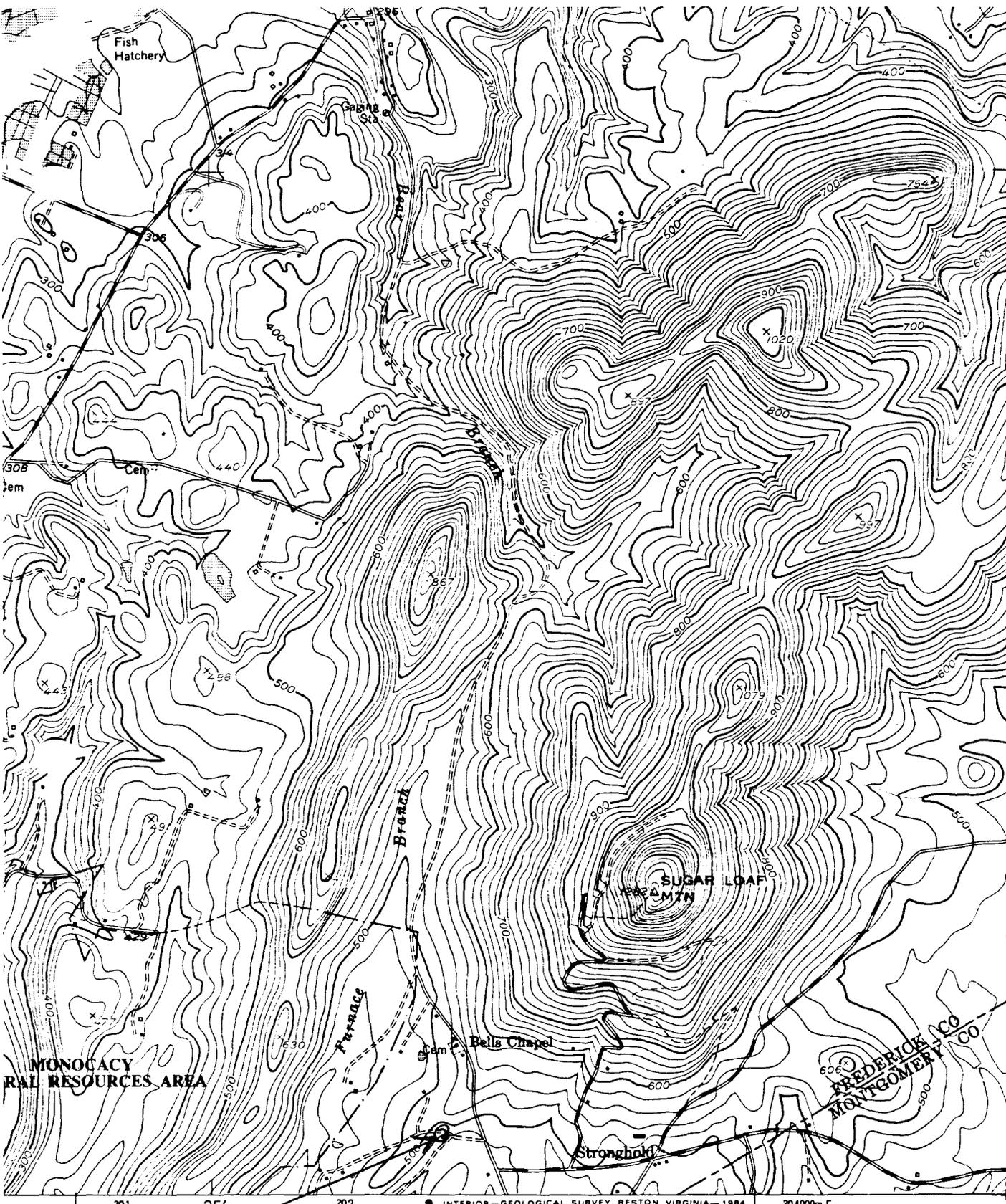
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Source  
 Steven Omeltte  
 Sugarloaf Regional Trails  
 Oral Informants  
 Charlotte Ambush  
 Frances Bowie  
 Clarence Naylor  
 Paul Wilson

MT EPHRAIM COMMUNITY, c. 1900-1925



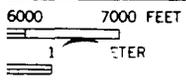


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 17'30"

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 4350  
 4349  
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 77°22'30"

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**Frank Nichols Log House**  
 Buckeystown Quad, 1952, PR 1984



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

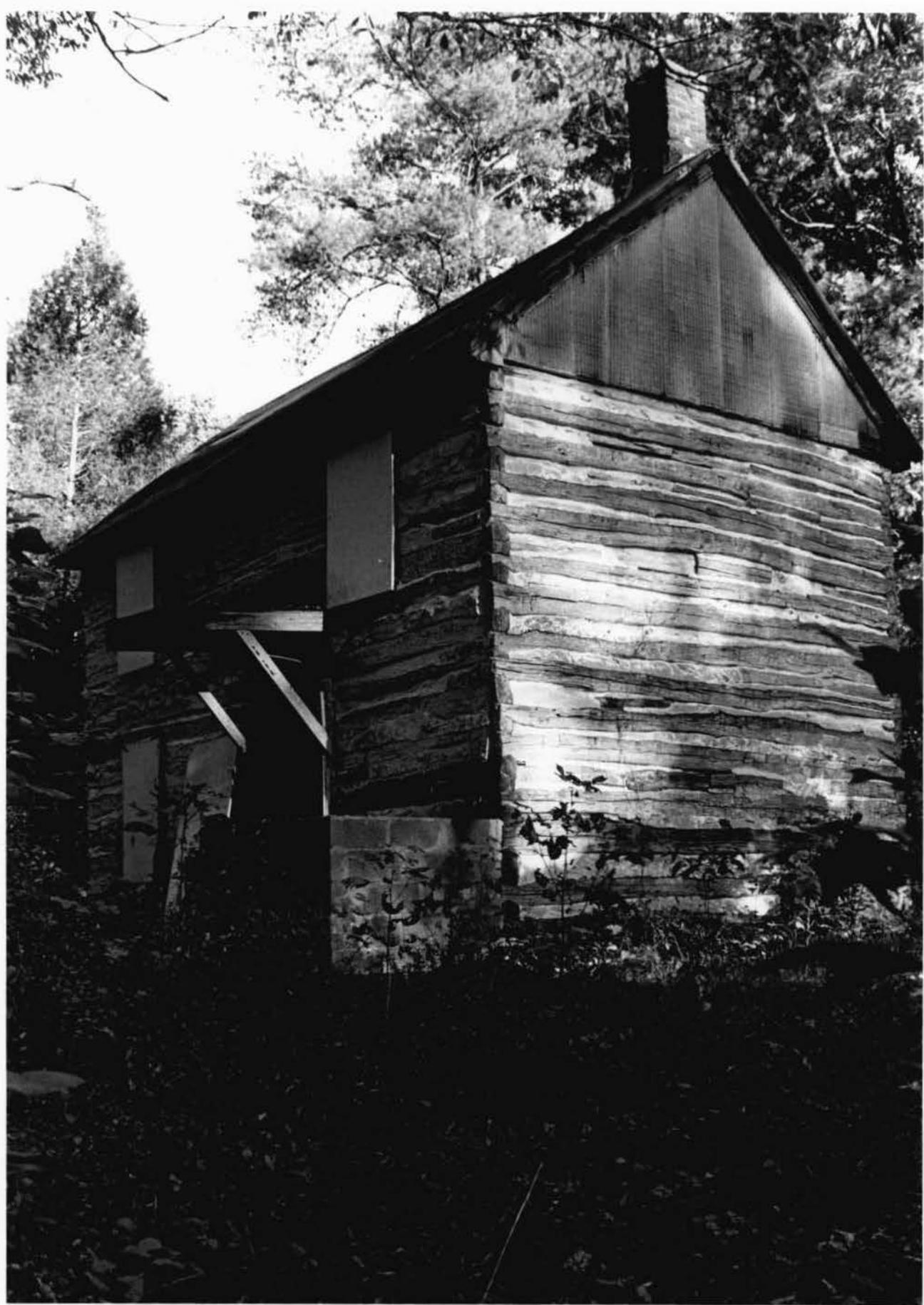
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ORDS  
 VIA 22092  
 LE, VIRGINIA 22903  
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QUADRANGLE LOCATION  
 Revisions shown in purple and woodland compiled by the Geological Survey in cooperation with Commonwealth of Virginia agencies from

**BUCKEYSTOWN, MD. - VA.**  
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FRANK Nichols House

N. E. Elevation

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mt Ephraim Community

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